

...in Commerce Department... with durable goods... 1.5% instead of the... 1.7%. But the month's... spending pace speeded up... building days in all of 1971... he charged... gain in 21 years.

...um load price of 14.5 cents a... set throughout the industry... can Metal Climax and St. Joe... limited search to that level... imity was said to reflect a... ing market that is making... less important.

...few Hampshire plans to build... nuclear power complex... Illuminating Co. and other... and utilities. There would be... million-kilowatt generating... completed by 1981.

...mental risks of Baltimore... ctic's controversial Calvert... nuclear power plant are... the AEC said in an im-... ment. The plant, cause of an... of the commission's environ-... licies last year, was seen... vey economic benefits.

...losings have been blitzing... only, with many employers... leave the area forever. The... suburban and rural regions... rring elsewhere, is said to... larly strong from that city... high labor costs resulting... auto contracts.

...ic time has been practically... up for the second quarter... networks say, warning that... discers could miss out on the... d, too. The early sellout at... indicates a recovery from... loss of client ads at end of '80... of network programming... dustry sources assert it... wed bush ads confidence.

...nd Milk Producers was... the Justice Department... icking the sale of milk pro-... mers in 14 states. The civil... dairy marketing cooper-... the large... in the U.S., vic-... rman T. A. Trust Act.

...in company net was listed... two leading makers. Can... profit was off... fourth quarter and 23%... with... and... for the... eded... both were up in... and year.

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...\$1.5 billion, was proposed by the President.

In a message to Congress, Nixon called for a \$1 billion expansion in loans for industries and communities. He said the expansion was needed for "revitalization of the American countryside" to stem the rural-to-city population flow. The proposal would provide \$343 million for commercial and industrial purposes and \$155 million to finance water and sewer systems, industrial parks and "related items which would enhance opportunities for employment," the White House said. Some 80% would be administered by the states, and 75% of the loans would be made by local banks and guaranteed by the government.

The \$1 billion expansion of credit wouldn't become available until mid-1973, in an attempt to tie the loan plan to Nixon's rural revenue-sharing concept.

A BOOM SHATTERED windows of the British Embassy in Dublin as protests continued.

An estimated 3,000 persons gathered in front of the embassy, and a police spokesman said "every available patrolman that can be spared" was at the scene trying to restrain the mob throwing bricks, bottles and gasoline bombs. Another bomb damaged the Wellington Monument. In Northern Ireland, a British soldier was gunned down in Belfast. Meanwhile, British Home Secretary Reginald Maudling said the army would continue to use "legal force" against "illegal force" in Ulster. And the British defense minister totally rejected charges that troops fired indiscriminately into crowds in Londonderry Sunday.

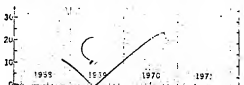
Ulster's Prime Minister Faulstich gave a thinly veiled warning that Protestant patience may be near an end, raising the specter of a backlash of violence.

Italy's premier-designate failed to form a government, raising demands for early parliamentary elections. Emilio Colombo reported his failure to President Giovanni Leone as labor unions went ahead with plans for a general strike in Rome tomorrow. Observers said parliamentary elections at this time might result in new gains for neo-Fascists, and noted that the slumping Italian economy and the government's failure to restrain labor union demands were major factors in a right-wing backlash in which the neo-Fascists almost doubled their voices in local elections last June.

Integration of Oklahoma City schools next fall has ordered by a federal judge. Noting that the case began to years ago, Judge Luther E. Lewis called it "frustratingly intractable... because of the unyielding intransigence" of school officials in denying a desegregation plan. He then imposed one. In Washington, meanwhile, Attorney General Mitchell said he is opposed to merging suburban school districts with inner-city school systems just to achieve racial balance.

A move to halt job-bias bill debate was rejected, 48-37, by the Senate. The key issue is the authority the bill would give the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission to issue cease-and-desist orders to enforce its findings of job discrimination.

A new round of trade talks, aimed at the elimination of trade barriers with the U.S. and as many other countries as possible, will be proposed by the six Common Market foreign ministers, sources said. The proposal is to set



BUSINESS FAILURES fell to a seasonally adjusted rate of 37.5 per 10,000 in December from 41.6 in November, Dun & Bradstreet Inc. reports.

Be Kind to Plants— Or You Could Cause A Violet to Shrink

How One Lie-Detector Expert, In Turning Over a New Leaf, Decided Plants Have Feelings

By RICHARD MARTIN
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
NEW YORK—Have you heard about the little old grandma who swears that by whispering words of encouragement to her geraniums and African violets she helps them grow?

Cleve Backster has—many, many times. Wherever his travels take him, whether it's Haiti, Lebanon or Grundy Center, Iowa, he runs into people just like her.

Mr. Backster isn't a plant fancier; he's a polygraph expert, and he doesn't talk much to plants himself. But he does study them a lot, and his observations have convinced him that while plants don't exactly listen to Granny's sweet talk, they do indeed get the message—probably by reading her mind.

His experiments, in fact, seem to indicate that besides some sort of telepathic communication system plants also possess something closely akin to feelings or emotions, says Mr. Backster. They appreciate being watered. They worry when a dog comes near. They faint when violence threatens their own well-being. And they sympathize when harm comes to animals and insects close to them.

How It All Started
Mr. Backster got hooked on plant studies Feb. 7, 1946, in the interrogation room of the Backster School here where he trains private investigators, police and government personnel to use polygraph machines—lie-detectors. He wondered how long it would take water to heat, just when a fall, drooping-leaved daisy, plant to travel from the roots to the leaves, so he connected a pair of polygraph electrodes to a single leaf, figuring that the moisture might produce a change in its resistance level enough to register on his lie-detector.

To his surprise, he got an immediate polygraph reaction pattern that closely resembled that of a person under emotional strain. He wondered whether the plant would also produce a reaction similar to a human's. If the safety were threatened, Mr. Backster decided to try burning a leaf. But before he could reach for a match, "the spot beyond that I had connected to the leaf is up, and the needle jumps right off the top of the chart. 'It really shook me up.'"

Since then, Mr. Backster estimated that he made "several thousand observations" on plants, mostly in his laboratory in Grundy Center, Iowa.

He got into lie detection work during and after World War II, first as a Navy ensign in the South Pacific, then as an Army master sergeant.

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To some, breaking into new competition in its old market, the company will need to turn on sales that used to huge prices, cheap and selling to one competitor. It to accept lower prices. Gillette, of course, yet. And there are clouds. The company to \$33.7 million in 1967, a 6% increase, sales and profits because of the number of the biggest companies, Italy and smaller countries. It doesn't stop pushing demonstration to and in countries like and Zambia the company.